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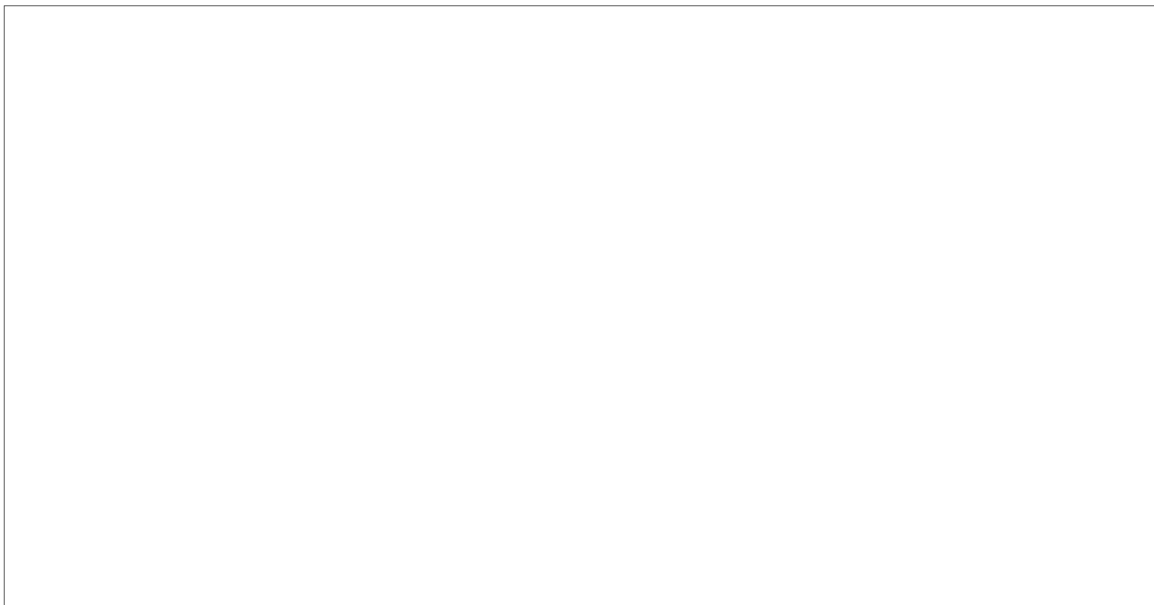
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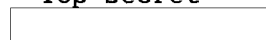
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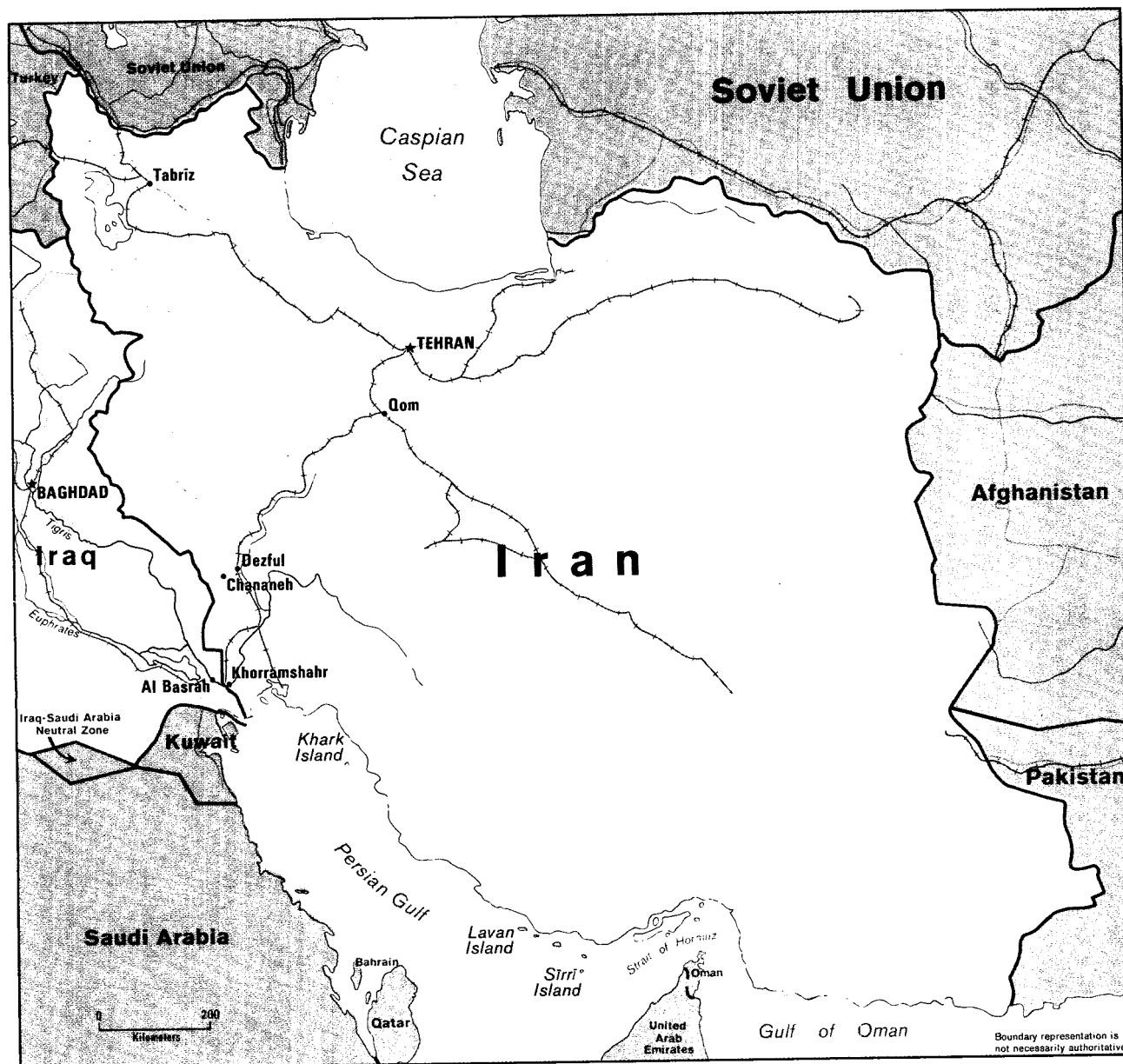
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IRAQ-IRAN: Air War Widens

³/₄ Iraq's worsening military situation and the threat of an Iranian invasion apparently prompted Iraq to strike back with wide-ranging air attacks. [redacted]

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¹/₃ Iraq attacked the Khark Island oil transshipment facility and a refinery near Tabriz on Sunday. Two Japanese tankers narrowly escaped being hit, and the Japanese have suspended their oil tanker service there.

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¹/₄ Iraq claims one of its fighters overflow Qom and Tehran yesterday to point up the vulnerability of Iranian cities to air attack. [redacted]

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Comment: Repeated Iraqi attacks could persuade Japan and other customers to stop using Khark Island. About 85 percent of Iran's current exports of 2 million barrels per day is shipped from this terminal. Iran probably can transfer some crude at Khark to the Lavan and Sirri terminals but would be unable to maintain exports at current levels. [redacted]

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³/₄ Iraqi attacks on Iranian oil facilities or other strategic targets risk retaliation on Iraqi refineries or the convention center in Baghdad for the nonaligned movement summit scheduled for September. Iraqi air attacks also strengthen the case of those in Tehran who have been pushing for an invasion. [redacted]

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